(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the number of scientific industrial research patented by CSIR during each of the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes Sir, CSIR has drawn up a programme to modernise and strengthen its R&D during the IX Five Year Plan period. It has submitted the proposal for the consideration of the Planning Commission. The IX Plan inter-alia seeks budgetary support of Rs. 250 crore for modernisation of its facilities and equipment and Rs. 360 crore for establishing new facilities with CSIR supplementing the budgetary grants through generation of extra budgetary resources. The Plan allocation for 1997-98 for Modernisation is Rs. 50 crores. In addition CSIR would be given matching grant equal to the incremental commercial rupee generated by it in 1996-97

(b) The Planning Commission has yet to decide on the IX Five Year Plan allocations including those of CSIR.

(c) The number of patents filed by CSIR during the last three years is as under :

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Indian patents filing	241	260	209
Foreign patents filing	29	58	70

[Translation]

Setting up of Post Offices

*34. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :
SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the targets fixed and the achievements made for setting up of post-offices in urban, rural, tribal and hilly areas of States and Union Territories during the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Plans;

(b) the steps being contemplated by the Union Government to take up the remaining work in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the same is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) During the 7th Plan as against the target of 6000 post offices 4305 post offices were sanctioned and 4003 were opened. Circle-wise details are given in Statement-I attached. The information on post offices opened in Tribal Areas during the plan is at Statement-II attached. Out of the 4003 post offices opened, 3875 were in rural and 128 in the urban area. Information regarding the post offices set up in the hilly areas is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

The Information on targets for opening Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and Departmental Sub Post Offices circlewise and the post offices sanctioned in urban, rural and tribal areas during the 8th Five Year Plan is given the Statement-III attached.

During the plan for 1997-98 which is also the first year of the 9th Plan there is a target of opening 500 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 50 Departmental Sub Post Offices.

The information of circlewise allocation of targets for opening of post offices during the annual plan 1997-98 for the Tribal and other areas is given at the Statement IV attached.

(b) and (c) Post Offices are opened subject to norm based justification and availability of targets and resources. During the annual plan 1997-98, a target for opening 50 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 500 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices has been fixed for the whole country

These are relaxed norms for opening of post offices in hilly, desert & inaccessible areas. Copy of the norms is at the Statement V attached.

Statement-I

Postal Circle-wise details of targets fixed, Post Offices sactioned and Post Offices opened during the Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-1990)

Sl. No.	Name of Circles	Targets Fixed	Post Offices Sanctioned	Post Offices Opened
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	259	145	143
2.	Assam	327	308	258

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Bihar	484	384	384
4.	Delhi	21	–	–
5.	Gujarat	215	67	57
6.	Haryana	93	45	33
7.	Himachal Pradesh	135	125	109
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	129	100	97
9.	Karnataka	214	135	134
10.	Kerala	165	207	206
11.	Madhya Pradesh	419	436	364
12.	Maharashtra	478	300	300
13.	North-East	351	285	285
14.	Orissa	334	275	187
15.	Punjab	112	32	5
16.	Rajasthan	309	214	213
17.	Tamil Nadu	219	76	76
18.	Uttar Pradesh	641	845	839
19.	West Bengal	445	326	313
	Total	5350	4305	4003

Statement-II

Postal Circle-wise details of Post Offices opened in Tribal Areas during the 7th Five Year Plan (1985-86 to 1989-90)

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	Number of Post Offices opened in Tribal Areas										Total
		1985-96		1986-87		1987-88		1988-89		1989-90		
		R	U	R	U	R	U	R	U	R	U	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1.	Assam	–	–	–	–	11	–	28	1	14	–	54
2.	Andhra Pradesh	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	8	–	14
3.	Bihar	–	–	–	–	23	–	38	–	–	–	61
4.	Delhi	No Tribal Area										
5.	Gujarat	–	–	–	–	1	–	26	–	34	–	61
6.	Haryana	No Tribal Area										
7.	Himachal Pradesh	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
8.	J & K	No Tribal Area										
9.	Karnataka	–	–	–	–	4	–	14	–	–	–	18
10.	Kerala	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	13	–	15
11.	Madhya Pradesh	28	–	1	–	34	–	6	–	77	–	146
12.	Maharashtra	–	–	–	–	5	–	5	–	27	–	37
13.	North East	–	–	–	–	31	–	95	–	89	–	215

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14.	Orissa	–	–	–	–	11	–	81	–	12	–	104
15.	Punjab	No Tribal Area										
16.	Rajasthan	No Tribal Area										
17.	Tamil Nadu	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	3
18.	Uttar Pradesh	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	21	–	21
19.	West Bengal	–	–	21	–	11	–	8	–	–	–	40
	Total	28	–	22	–	133	–	307	1	298	–	789

Note : U – Urban
R – Rural

Statement-III

Circle-Wise targets and Post Offices sanctioned during the Eighth Five Year Plan

S.No.	Name of Circle	Targets		POs Sanctioned			Total
		BO*	SO**	Urban	Rural	Tribal	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	42	25	26	19	9	54
2.	Assam	63	18	10	26	42	78
3.	Bihar	183	49	19	107	83	209
4.	Delhi	1	41	25	Nil	Nil	25
5.	Gujarat	59	49	25	31	35	91
6.	Haryana	28	40	18	40	Nil	58
7.	Himachal Pradesh	53	29	6	126	5	137
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	12	8	3	24	4	31
9.	Karnataka	34	42	32	30	17	79
10.	Kerala	35	36	30	55	7	92
11.	Maharashtra	163	51	48	113	73	234
12.	Madhya Pradesh	113	37	16	47	67	130
13.	North East	82	18	Nil	14	72	86
14.	Orissa	87	21	9	30	67	106

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15.	Punjab	27	19	17	26	Nil	43
16.	Rajasthan	105	13	21	65	44	130
17.	Tamil Nadu	30	24	19	22	2	43
18.	Uttar Pradesh	206	73	40	225	19	284
19.	West Bengal	117	27	6	87	9	102
	Total	1440	650	370	1087	555	2012

* BO : Extra-Departmental Branch Post Offices.

** SO : Departmental Sub Post Offices

Statement-IV

Allotment of Targets for Opening Post Offices during Annual Plan 1997-98

		Departmental Sub Post Offices			Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices		
Sl. No.	Name of Circles	Otther Areas	Tribal Areas	Total	Other Areas	Tribal Areas	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	1	2	7	3	10
2.	Assam	1	1	2	17	8	25
3.	Bihar	3	2	5	27	13	40
4.	Delhi	2	–	2	5	–	5
5	Gujarat	2	–	2	17	8	25
6.	Haryana	2	–	2	15	–	15
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1	1	2	7	3	10
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	–	1	11	4	15
9.	Karnataka	5	–	5	23	7	30
10.	Kerala	2	–	2	10	–	10
11.	Madhya Pradesh	1	1	2	25	12	37
12.	Maharashtra	3	–	3	26	9	35
13.	North.East	1	2	3	17	8	25
14.	Orissa	1	1	2	18	9	27
15.	Punjab	2	–	2	17	–	17

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16.	Rajasthan	1	1	2	22	11	33
17.	Tamil Nadu	2	–	2	16	5	21
18.	Uttar Pradesh	6	–	6	53	17	70
19.	West Bengal	3	–	3	38	12	50
	Total	40	10	50	371	129	500

Statement-V

Norms For Opening Post Offices

1. **Norms for opening of New Branch Post Office**

1.1 **Population**

(a) *In Normal Areas :*

3000 population in a group villages (including the PPO villages)

(b) *In the hilly, tribal, desert and in accessible areas :*

500 population in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages.

1.2 **Distance :**

(a) *In Normal Areas :*

The minimum distance from the nearest existing Post Office will be 3 Kms.

(b) *In hilly, tribal, desert and in accessible areas :*

The distance limit will be the same as above except that in Hilly Areas, the minimum distnace limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases whrere such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

1.3 **Anticipated Income :**

(a) *In Normal areas .*

The minimum anticipated revenue will be 33-1/3% of cost.

(b) *In hilly, tribal, desert and in accessible areas :*

the minimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost.

2. **Norms of Opening New Departmental Sub Post Offices :**

2.1 **In Rural Areas :**

The minimum of work load of the Extra Departmental Branch Post Office should be five hours per day. The permissible annual loss should be not more than Rs. 2400/- in normal rural areas and Rs. 4800/- in Tribal and Hilly areas.

2.2 **In Urban Areas :**

2.2.1 In Urban areas, the Post Office should be initially self-supporting and at the time of the first annual review, it should show 5% profit to be eligible for further retention.

2.2.2 The distance between two Post Offices should not be less than 1.5 Km. in cities with a population of 20 lakhs and above, and 2 km. in other urban areas. If it is a Delivery Post Office, the distance from the nearest Delivery Post Office should not be less than 5 Kms.

Heads of Circles have powers to relax the distance condition in 10% of the cases.

2.2.3 A Delivery Post Office in Urban Areas should have a minimum of 7 Postman's beats.

[English]

Foreign Investment in Broadcasting Sector

*35. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to impose restrictions on the functioning of Electronic media;